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## LONDON CONFERENCE.

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Invitation To Germans Imminent  
(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 31.  
Reuter's Agency announces that the first Committee of the Conference has just adopted the French formula. The British proposal was withdrawn.  
The British and French delegates sat down to work.  
One delegate said to Reuter's representative: "The great difficulty of the Conference now is to get the report of number Three on deliveries in kind and cash transferred. The Conference may be regarded as far as the Allies are concerned, and a visitation to the Germans may be regarded as imminent. The views of the bankers, of course, still awaited."

### FIRST PART ONLY.

It appears that only the first part of the French formula, as regards arbitration, has been adopted. The second part, dealing with the plan of military evacuation of the Ruhr, is still under consideration. Germany pays her debts, has not been considered.

THE REPARATIONS COMMISSION.  
An official communiqué states that the Reparations Commission has just officially sat in London to deal with questions out of the Dawes' report. Another communiqué, announcing the agreement of the First Committee, declares the effectiveness of the agreement depends on the successful conclusion of the Third Committee, now considering aspects of the French proposal. It adds that aspects of the Third Committee reaching agreement, appear hopeful. It should be noted that the Third Committee is not dealing with the question of the Ruhr, mentioned earlier, which is side the scope of the present Conference. It will be discussed jointly with the Germans.

### HOME CRICKET.

SOUTH AFRICANS V. SUSSEX.

INTERESTING STATE OF ME.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 31.  
The weather was cloudy at Eton to-day, when the match between the South Africans and Sussex was resumed, before a good audience.  
In their 1st innings the South Africans scored 277, Nourse making 73 and Hands 50.  
Sussex, at their first attempt, scored 334, Bowley scoring 106 and Young 53. Blackberg obtained 5 wickets for 102.

Going in a second time, the 11th Africans scored 42 for the loss of one wicket.

### OTHER MATCHES.

At Lords, Rugby School beat Marlborough College by 3 wickets. Marlborough scored 181, to which Rugby replied with 155. Marlborough only reached 109 at the second attack, and Rugby then scored 137 for the loss of 7 wickets.

At Nottingham, the home team scored a nine wickets victory against Leicester. The visitors made 121 (Richmond 4 for 25) and 94 (Richmond 5 for 80). Nottingham made 264 (Gib Gunn 95) and 54 for the loss of one wicket.

At Taunton, Warwickshire defeated Somerset by four wickets. The home side made 99 (Howell 5 for 36) and 97 (Howell 9 for 3). Warwickshire scored 137 (White 6 for 29) and 110 for the loss of six wickets (White 5 for 33).

## INDIA.

GOVERNMENT'S POLICY.

WILL STAND NO SENSE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 31.  
A clear statement of Government's policy in India was made by Lord Chelmsford (First Lord of Admiralty) in the House of Lords.

Reading Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's letter of January last to a Hindu paper in Madras, pleading for reason and goodwill between India and Great Britain and declaring that no party in Britain will be cowed by threats of force or policies designed to bring the Government to a standstill, and if any Indian section imagine otherwise events will sadly disappoint them," he said it was the embodiment of Government's present policy.

Lord Chelmsford added that full discretion would be left to the Government of India to enforce the law. The British Government would support the Government of India in any action they felt it necessary to take to quell any revolutionary movement.

### AUSTRALIAN BUDGET.

INCOME-TAX REDUCTIONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Melbourne, July 31.  
The Federal Treasurer, in his Budget, announced income-tax reductions totalling £2,000,000. He said that in addition to the two 10,000 ton cruisers under the Defence Equipment Bill, the Government contemplated building two modern sea-going submarines and increasing the air force by four units.

## IRISH PROBLEM.

BOUNDARY CLAUSE DECISION.

DIFFICULTY OF INTERPRETATION.

Grave View Taken.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 31.  
Asked in the House of Commons whether Government had conferred this morning with the British signatories to the Irish Treaty, subject to the boundary clause, and whether any decision had been taken, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Premier, replied that difficulty having arisen in connection with the interpretation of clause 12, he thought it advisable to seek the counsel of the leaders of the parties signatories to the Treaty. No decisions had been taken.

Asked whether the question would be adjourned to the Autumn session; and, if so, whether he was aware of the feeling throughout Ireland that the Government was not serious in pressing forward this case of the Irish Treaty, Mr. MacDonald replied that there was still a week before the House rose. He promised a statement to-morrow.

Reuter's Agency understands that Government intends to adjourn next week-end until October, therefore it will be impossible to pass a special Irish Bill to meet the difficulty as suggested in some quarters.

### GRAVE VIEW TAKEN.

A grave view is taken in political circles at Mr. MacDonald's announcement that no decision was reached at to-day's conference on the Irish boundary question. There is talk of the possibility of a General Election in the event of the Conservatives in the House of Commons opposing the Lords rejecting the Government Bill to implement the Treaty, following the decision of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council that fresh legislation is necessary to constitute a boundary commission.

[Note: The trouble has arisen out of the reported decision of the Privy Council that the boundary Commission cannot be legally constituted without a representative of Ulster, who must be appointed by the North of Ireland Government. It is thought in Parliamentary circles that legislation must be introduced to deal with the question. For the solution of which President Cosgrave is pressing. As it is impossible to pass such a Bill before the recess unless unanimity is previously secured, the Cabinet has decided to call a round-table conference of the party leaders and the British signatories to the Irish Treaty.—Ed. "China Mail."]

## SINGAPORE BASE.

CONSERVATIVES FAVOUR IT.

ATTEMPT TO REVERSE DECISION.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 31.  
The Conservatives have again attempted to reverse the Singapore decision. Lieut.-Colonel L. C. M. S. Amery, in the House of Commons, moving the reduction of the naval vote as a protest to the naval programme, urged a comprehensive scheme of replacement and the reversal of the decision as regards Singapore, the importance of which, he said, did not lay in the Pacific, but in the Indian Ocean which it would effectually cover from outside invasion. Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy thought the Government was absolutely right and believed there was a liberal and democratic movement in Japan which would respond to the invitation of a disarmament Conference.

### DOMINIONS' HELP URGED.

Commander Balfour expressed the opinion that if we were to bear the burden of armaments, the Dominions ought to help us.

Mr. C. G. Ammon, Parliamentary Secretary of the Admiralty, said the Premier was fully occupied with other matters, but soon it would be possible for every step to be taken to convene an International Conference. In the meantime we would maintain what was considered the right margin of safety without doing anything which might be considered provocative. Colonel Amery's motion was defeated by 226/182.

Mr. Ammon said that all the Washington signatories had abided by their agreement. Nobody had made a greater reduction than Britain. He saw no reason for revision of the Singapore scheme and denied there was a strong feeling in Australia where there was a division of opinion on the matter. He pointed out that in view of the distance between Australia and Japan, it was not so easy for the latter to wreak her will on Australia as might be thought. He said Singapore gave Mr. MacDonald something to bargain with and failing satisfactory decision we regretfully should have to establish a base there.

### WHEREABOUTS OF MACLAREN.

BELIEVED DELAYED BY FOG.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, July 31.  
Repeated efforts by wireless to obtain information of the British fliers, under Squadron Leader MacLaren, have failed since the fliers reached Petropavlovsk on July 24.

It is believed that they have been delayed by wind or fog and may be unable to land at the store post at Nazan. In which case, they may have been forced to continue their flight to Alaska Island.

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By Order of the Board of Directors, A. H. ROWE, Managing Director. Dated this 19th day of July 1924.

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TICKETS will be issued for Round Trips during the months of July to September, from Hongkong to Foochow (Pagoda Anchorage) and return, calling at Swatow and Anioy on both the upward and downward voyage, by the Company's new, fast, well appointed steamer "Hai Ning" at the reduced rate of \$80 for the round voyage, including Meals while the steamer is in port.

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The Trip occupies 8 to 9 days and the steamer will leave Hongkong from the Company's Wharf at 5 p.m. arriving at daylight on her return (Weather permitting).

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DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents. Hongkong, 30th July, 1924.

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AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of seventy five cents per share has been declared and will be payable on and after WEDNESDAY, the 20th August, when Dividend Warrants may be obtained upon application at the offices of the Company.

The Share Registers of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 6th August, to Tuesday, 19th August, 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary. Hongkong, 21st July, 1924.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an INTERIM DIVIDEND has been declared in respect of the financial year ending on the 31st December, 1924, and will be payable on MONDAY, the 18th August 1924, as to SIXTY (60) Cents per share on the OLD SHARES, and as to FIFTEEN (15) Cents per share on the NEW SHARES (1924 ISSUE). UPON WHICH \$5 PER SHARE WAS PAID ON THE 31st MARCH, 1924.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 11th to the 15th August, 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, PERCY H. SUCKLING, Secretary. Hongkong, 24th July, 1924.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 8th to 29th August (both days inclusive).

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 23rd July, 1924.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS OF ARTHUR RYLANDS LOWE of Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong Chartered Accountant deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897 (No. 2 of 1897) made an Order limiting the time for sending in claims to or against the above estate to the 31st day of August, 1924. Creditors and Claimants are hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned by the above date.

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WEEK NEWS.

FROM FAR AND NEAR.

The King and Queen gave their first party of the season at Buckingham Palace, when several thousand guests attended.

Class students started to sing "Red Flag" when the honours conferred upon Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, but they were diverted by the organist to the college hymns.

Allegations of undue influence by a man Catholic priest were made an action in the Probate Division with regard to three wills of M. Louis Beaud, widow, of Saxonians, St. Leonards-on-Sea, died at the age of 73.

A feature of a "Royal Academy" of Advertising Art will be on view at the British Empire Exhibition will be "Po Street"—a roadway 240ft. long, either side of which will be buildings showing the finest specimens of British posters.

In of war necessity, the Naval Savings movement, Mr. A. Amberlain said at a Mansion House meeting, had now become a necessity of peace, and he suggested that there might be room for further organisations of a somewhat different type, to bring new men and new money.

Under the new United States migration law, Mr. Ponsonby, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated, the quota of migrants from Great Britain, Ireland, and the Irish Free State will be 62,658—a reduction of about 15,000.

Damages to the amount of £250 are awarded to Miss Flora Bay, of Teviot-street, Poplar, against her former mistress, Mrs. of Teviot-street, Poplar, for false imprisonment arising from a charge which defendant made—that it's the only thing that enables them to eat heartily and enjoy the good things of life without worrying about after-effects. Bismag Magnesia. Tablets cost little at chemists, and they are so simple in effect that doctors and hospitals all over the world prepare them and prescribe them. Bismag Magnesia will rid you of all trace of stomach pain and weakness and will enable you to eat hearty meals of the things you like without fear of consequent discomfort. Be sure to see the oval 'BISMAG' trade mark on the wrapper when buying.

Lord Ruglan having interrogated the Government as to their policy with regard to Egypt and the Sudan, Viscount Grey urged that we must insist that the Canal should be held under the British and that the question of the Sudan was a matter entirely between the Imperial Government and the Sudanese. Lord Parmoor, replying, said the Government were not going to unman the Sudan in any sense whatever, and no change in its constitution would be carried through without the authority of Parliament. The Earl of Selborne asked as to the accuracy of the statement that a Minister representing the Irish Free State would shortly be appointed to Washington, and Lord Arnold replied that the matter had been submitted to the United States Government. The appointment naturally followed from the terms of the Treaty. Lord Parmoor contended that the appointment would strengthen the friendly relations existing between the United States and Great Britain, and would not affect the diplomatic unity of the British Empire.

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The next stop was at Longton, where the Prince spoke to Corp. E. A. Egerton, who won his V.C. at Passchendaele, and to Serat. Doughty, who was wounded in France the Prince dismounted from his horse and lent it to the wounded soldier to ride to the casualty station.

There was a brief visit to the china works of John Aynsley and Sons, and then on to Fenton, where the Prince placed an enormous emblem in red and was mobbed by the jubilant children, who broke through the ranks of teachers and police at the foot of the cenotaph.

The Prince had a few kindly words for five fatherless little girls, who wore their fathers' war medals upon their pinafores.

Luncheon in Stoke King's Hall as the guest of the North Staffs Chamber of Commerce and the British Pottery Manufacturers' Federation, was a most agreeable interval. Sir Francis Joseph, who presided, referred to the Prince as "the ambassador of Empire trade" and "the busiest man in the country—that most effective hustler of modern times."

The Prince showed his appreciation by remarking: "I hope I shall have the opportunity of coming to see you all again." He also said he was now well versed in the industry that he had fallen into the habit, when handling a plate, of turning it over to see whose make it was. (Laughter.)

On the afternoon journey through Hanley and Cobridge to Burslem, chocolates and cigarettes, miniature black cats and fluffy chicks landed in the Prince's car.

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MATSON.—On July 24, at St. Marie's Hospital, Shanghai, the wife of Frank Matson, a daughter.

WHITE.—On July 23, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. Aug. V. White, a son.

KENNEDY.—On July 23, at St. Marie's Hospital, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Kennedy, a daughter.

## DEATH.

FREDERICK.—On July 30, at Bangkok, Hjorth Nils Frederick, (Captain of the s.s. "Drufar.")

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 1924.

"A TISSUE OF LIBELS."

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak deserves the community's thanks for the outspoken resolution he introduced into the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon indicating the Colony's honour.

The resolution itself was so forcefully phrased that further comment seems hardly necessary. Certainly along with the Unofficial Members the whole community will welcome any inquiry which may possibly improve the conditions of life in the Colonial possessions and uphold the good name of the British Empire. Hongkong has no cause to fear the result of any impartial inquiry, for as the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster said, the city is clean, socially and morally, despite the fact that it is "one of the largest ports in the world, a garrison town, a naval station and the abiding place, temporarily or permanently, of an enormous number of people of all sorts and conditions, and of every race and tongue." And it is this fact that we do not fear, any impartial inquiry into our social standards that gives weight to our protest against the methods that have been adopted to traduce our good name. Mr. Holyoak cited one biting example of these methods and it goes without saying that dozens more could easily

be adduced. The Hon. H. W. Bird put his finger on the source of the trouble when he said it would seem no matter how irresponsible a person might be, he or she had only to say something derogatory about a place for notice to be taken of the statements without any attempt being made to find out whether such statements were true or not. Unfortunately we cannot altogether agree with the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall that these statements should escape the reproach that they are malicious. Mr. Kotewall fully associated himself with the protest, and even if we were to concede that the libels have been, actuated by excessive zeal, as he is inclined to believe, what word could we use for their results but mischievous or malicious, since they are undeniably, in the words of the resolution, misleading and exaggerated? Were it not that in this sense alone the libels have been malicious the Colony might have had nothing more to say, having no reason to fear the results of an impartial inquiry. It is only when, as Mr. Holyoak said, our name has been unnecessarily and unjustly fouled, that we feel it time to express our keen resentment, since silence might easily convey an appearance of guilt that could militate against our welfare during the inquiry and possibly have results little less disastrous than those which have already overtaken Singapore and Manila through uninformed and mischievous meddling. Therefore it is to be hoped Mr. Bird's emphatic reasonable suggestion that the Colony should be represented on the Advisory Body by someone who has intimate and close knowledge of the facts existing here will be adopted, so that in the event of mis-statements being made as to local conditions they will be promptly corrected.

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## Coming Cricket Tour.

Reuter has cabled the names of the M.C.C. team which will tour Australia in the next close season. In view of our triumph over the South Africans and our double defeat at the hands of Armstrong's redoubtable men, it would be unwise to make any predictions as to the chances of our retrieving the "Ashes." Still we can hope for the best. Arthur Gilligan's captaincy has brought three wins straight off the reel and we hope he meets with luck "down under." What is of particular interest is that Mr. J. W. H. T. Douglas is included in the team as a member. It will be recalled that after three defeats when the Australians last visited England, the Hon. L. H. Tennyson was appointed skipper and there were many who said Douglas would not play except as captain. Reuter's cable evidently means that Douglas is willing to play under Gilligan. We admire him all the more for this as Gilligan is very much his junior.

Out of the fifteen names so far cabled, nine are bowlers—Gilligan, Douglas, Gibson, Tydesley, Tate, Freeman, Kilner, Hearne, and Woolley—so that even in the event of injuries and indisposition the attack should be as strong as it is possible to make it without including Parkin. The batting is strong also, though much regret will be felt at the absence of Hobbs and Mr. P. G. H. Fender. In Mr. A. P. F. Chapman the team possesses the finest left-hand batsman since the days of Mr. F. G. J. Ford, while Woolley is still a force to be reckoned with. Hendren, Douglas, Bryan, Gilligan, Sandham, Sutcliffe and Woolley can always be relied on for runs between them. So far, 104 matches have been played between England and Australia. The latter has won 43; the former 40 while 21 have been drawn. Six of the men selected, chosen—Mr. J. W. H. T. Douglas, Strudwick, Woolley, Hearne, Hendren and Sandham, have visited Australia with previous cricket teams.

It remains to be seen how the new batsmen will fare on Australian wickets, and what surprises our new bowlers will spring upon their opponents.

## The Razmak Disaster.

The Simla message, announcing the crashing of four military planes south-east of Razmak and the death of two airmen, calls attention to activity in the North West Frontier Province, where the tribesmen have been causing trouble for some months.

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Waziristan is a country between the Gomal passes. It was an Afghan territory, but passed to British India, and for some time there has been a British garrison at Razmak. The policy of the British establishment of Razmak there and the protection of the "Pioneer Mail" No. 11 says that the first demand, since the completion of the march, place early in June, column marched down the Razmak and was sniped at times both during the day and night. On the last stretch, from Plaza to Razmak, 5 Squadron of the Force from Dardoni flew over the column, but the offer of the airmen to the casualties during the night's march were one killed and a man wounded. The airmen were considered to have a practical demonstration of the ease with which the garrison can now be reached, before the Razmak would have taken some to reach.

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Miss Sarah Ambler, of Woodlands, Baidon, Yorkshire, daughter of the late Mr. Jeremiah Ambler, founder of Jeremiah Ambler and Son, Limited, Midland Mills, Bradford £21,621.

Mr. Frank Henderson, of Ermelo, Transvaal, died intestate and a bachelor £25,083.

Mr. William Menzies, 165, Fenchurch-street, E.C. and 9, The Grove, Highbury, N., general merchant £42,522.

Mrs. Sarah Georgina Smith, of Ravenswood, Wokingham, Berks. (So far as can be ascertained), £25,100.

Mr. Frederick Stroyan, M.R.C.S., of Trinity House, Aldershot, £21,947.

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Everything depended on the STATEMENT. testimony of one particular witness, and of this the barrister was duly conscious.

"Now," he said, shaking a finger warningly, "we want to hear just what you know—not what you think, not what you've heard, or what someone else knows, but just what you yourself know. Do you understand?"

The witness brightened visibly, and by a happy smile showed that he fully understood.

"Well, Sir," he began, "it was like this. Old Bill Grubbs said to me that Thomas John's wife—at any rate, so 'e 'eard from Tom Payne—told Sid Lewis's best girl that 'er husband—"

Current Comment.

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well as those more obvious ones particularly associated with the two "high contracting parties." In a second and somewhat cognate place, this understanding cannot but mean further action as to Mongolia. There, truly, is a troubled and uncertain state of affairs, with three distinct sets of interests at cross purposes. That some move will now be precipitated appears to all intents and purposes assured. Yet another question raised is: Will the shrewd political play of the Communist chiefs, succeed in involving the Peking authorities in adventures with the Western nations? Kankhankhan's talk of "an imposed upon state taking its rightful place in the world, with a true friend to help it instead of cynically made hypocrites to hinder," might mean more than merely turgid rhetoric. "It is entirely clear that a prime aim of the Soviets is to undermine the strength and position of the treaty powers in China's capital, their efforts in that direction already taking the form of bitter attacks on them through offensive and unfounded propaganda. The native press is noticeably more anti-foreign in tone than it was a short month ago. Finally, it need not be feared that Peking's recognition of Russia indicates any Chinese drift toward Communism. In a population of something like 400,000,000, there will be found always and anywhere those ready to adopt such a free-promise creed as that of the Bolsheviks, but in this case the number of such is so small as to be utterly negligible in working out the whole problem. In an article which Mr. Y. P. Tse lately contributed to the "Paris Review" occur these sentences: "In China the wealthy live almost as simply as the poor. For that reason the poor have seldom hated the rich. Although in the last dozen years great corporations and modern industrial establishments have grown up among us, the antagonism between Capital and Labour is not yet strong. Measures developed in Europe and America for the protection of the working people are being adopted, and most of the corporations are owned by a great number of shareholders. If we are to have Communism in China, it will be a pacific Communism, without the relentless class struggle of Karl Marx." Which is to say, if China's social soil holds fast, if any of those oppressed and repressed elements which always will serve as the bed most suitable to nourish the seeds of Bolshevism's red flowers.

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A serious motor-car accident occurred on the glacis, Peking, last week as the result of furious driving. A big limousine was wrecked on the roadway opposite the Hotel de Peking. Only a week ago, Col. Smallwood was run over in his broker's trap in Morrison Street by the Vice-Minister of Finance and lost with his legs pinned beneath the overturned carriage. Luckily his limbs were not broken. The Vice-Minister is faced with a difficult problem. A traffic department in the police has become essential as although the police arrest chauffeurs for every accident and keep them in jail, prevention is better than cure, says the "Far Eastern Times."

Among those who arrived by the s.s. "Eastern" were: Capt. G. B. Mercer, Mr. A. Carrington-Walters, Mr. C. Duncan, Mr. G. J. Rowley, Mr. D. B. Rowley, Miss A. M. Stanley and Mr. H. Senft.

Passengers for the North, sailing on the "Empress of Russia" yesterday, included: Mr. R. Braddell, Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Come, Dr. C. Forsyth, Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Lumpp, Dr. and Mrs



## SHAMEEN STRIKE.

## INDEPENDENT ACTION.

## "BOSSSES" BADLY LEFT.

From Canton to-day comes the news that a considerable percentage of the office and domestic employees of Shameen honghs who have now been on strike for about a fortnight, wish to disassociate themselves from the movement and negotiate on their own account.

A reliable source says that the rank and file of the strikers were promised a month's pay in full to be paid over yesterday in lieu of what they would have received from their employers. This, it is stated, was not forthcoming, hence the dissatisfaction. Some of the men are reported as having expressed an opinion that a settlement could easily be reached if they approached their European masters directly.

Another significant factor is that the coxswains and engineers of launches and motor-boats belonging to Shameen honghs, have not struck despite continued overtures from the strike leaders. They were first reported as having procrastinated till yesterday when they would get their pay but since then they have not left their posts.

There were also reports of an impending conference having fallen through but these have not been substantiated.

Outwardly there is no change in the situation both in Shameen and Hongkong.

## Still Hopeful.

A Canton-correspondent favours the "Daily Bulletin" with the following:

Though on the surface, the strike situation appears to be stationary, actually negotiations are being carried on incessantly, and it is hoped that a settlement is in sight.

The so-called strikers, the Shameen employees, have been entirely out of sympathy with the whole strike movement, but they do evince a certain amount of sympathy with the lukongs, who have lost their positions as a result of the irresponsible actions of a few busybodies, who make a living out of raising trouble in any way they can.

With this feeling Shameen residents and their authorities, the Consuls and Councils, to a certain extent agree, though they are unable to revise their decision not to take these men back. It is round this question that the recent negotiations have revolved, and it is hoped that a way out has at last been found. The Chinese mind appears to have some difficulty in grasping the essential difference between the position of official servants and private employees, and this mental attitude has caused delay in coming to an agreement.

The most noticeable feature of the whole affair has been the absence from any meeting or demonstration of the Shameen employees, 90 per cent. of whom are itching to get back to their work. They are getting little food and no pay, and feel that they are being used as pawns. The Canton "Gazette" represents them as boiling over with indignation at the outrageous way in which the insolent white man treats them, but this is pure propaganda by those interested in continuing to collect money to line their own pockets, while pretending to uphold their downtrodden countrymen's rights, backed by a few politicians with private axes to grind.

The Shameen residents are very cheerful and rather enjoying their picnic. Fortunately, owing to business depression and the floods up-country, very little financial loss is being occasioned by the strike, and what loss there is falls much more heavily on the Chinese dealer than on the foreign firms.

## Guilds' Firm Stand.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

The 16th day of the Shameen Chinese strike, yesterday, saw very little change in the situation.

Chinese depositors with the Shameen foreign banks were unable to withdraw their funds in many cases, owing to the absence of the clerical staff familiar with the details, and the identity of those involved. Moreover, the passes issued by the committee in charge of the strike for permission to enter Shameen, did not always hold good with the British marines and Indian watchmen keeping Chinese from the gates of the concession.

The clerical staffs of the Shameen firms have their own organization, aside from being a part of the committee now in charge of the strike. The leaders of the clerical staffs have advised against resuming work even with firms temporarily removed into the Chinese city.

## WORTHLESS CHEQUES.

## EUROPEAN WANTED BY POLICE.

## HOTEL FRAUDS?

The police are making enquiries as to the whereabouts of a European, who is alleged to have given a worthless cheque for \$35 worth of liquors consumed whilst he was a passenger aboard the s.s. "Paul Beau."

He is believed to be the same man who is wanted in connection with the presentation of worthless cheques at the principal hotels and boarding-houses in the Colony.

## DAVIS CUP.

## HONGKONG PLAYER DEFEATED.

## BUT NOT DISGRACED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

## NEW YORK, July 31.

In the Davis Cup Patterson of Australia beat Lock Wei of China by 6-1, 6-2, 6-2. O'Hara Wood (Australia) beat Kong (China) 6-0, 6-1, 6-2.

The Lock Wei mentioned above is Mr. W. Lock Wei, or Wei Wing-tek, son of the late Sir Boshan Wei Yuk and a brother to Mr. Wei Wing-sam of Hongkong. He was educated at St. Stephen's College, Hongkong and, it is believed, Cambridge. In partnership with Ng Sze-kuong, his old schoolmate, he has held the open doubles championship of the Colony.

## BOXING.

## "IRON" BUX LOSES.

An exclusive despatch to the "Daily Bulletin" says that "Iron" Bux lost the decision on points last night, in a fight with Dobby Favacho.

The contest was one of eight rounds. Bux was four pounds heavier than Favacho, but he was at a disadvantage in both height and reach.

## TYPHOONS.

## MANILA SENDS OUT WARNINGS.

## LOCAL FORECAST GOOD.

After our going to press yesterday afternoon the No. 1 local typhoon signal—a red cone—meaning that a typhoon exists which may possibly cause a gale in Hongkong in 24 hours, was hoisted and small craft began to seek shelter till nightfall.

This morning a few lighters and junks ventured out as did the majority of the launches, but some of the harbour ferries ran with partially folded-up awnings. A few of the river steamers were also absent from their wharves till late this morning.

At 11.05 this morning the following notice was posted at the Harbour Office:—A typhoon or depression in Lat. 20°N., Long. 114°E., stationary or very slow, radius within 60 miles, moving W.N.W.

## Gale Unlikely.

Apparently, this is the typhoon which is likely to cause a gale in Hongkong within 24 hours. A study of the map shows that the position indicated is almost due south of Hongkong, but well within the 300 miles zone. Unless there is a material change in its direction Hongkong will not be visited yet. The Royal Observatory's forecast at noon to-day reads: "East winds, strong, cloudy, rain, but mentions nothing about the likelihood of a gale giving further strength to the belief that the Colony will be immune."

To-day the following telegrams were received by the American Consulate General in Hongkong:—

At 9.15 a.m.—Cyclone or typhoon over North China Sea moving W. or W.N.W. Cyclone or typhoon East of Balingtang Channel moving E.

At 10.30 a.m.—Typhoon in about Lat. 19°N., Long. 115°E., almost stationary. (This last notice probably refers to the one of which notice has been given by the signal and the advice on the Harbour Office board.)

On July 30 the committee in charge of the strike publicly assured the Chinese constables of the Shameen municipal service that their interests will be upheld to the last. While it is true that the principal obstacle to the early settlement of the strike is the question of their re-instatement, the committee will not withdraw its original demands to bargain for an early return of the rest of the strikers.

The Canton Federation of Labour has opened a general subscription list for funds to support the Shameen strikers.

## EASTERN MERCHANT.

## ARTHUR N. BISHOP LOSES.

## LIBEL CASE VERDICT.

## JUDGE DIRECTS IMPOUNDING OF PAPERS.

Arthur Nickells Bishop, "that great authority on Eastern trade," as portion of the evidence described him, spent seven and a half days in the witness box telling the jury why he claimed \$20,000 damages from "Smith's Weekly" in respect of alleged libel. Altogether the hearing extended over four weeks.

At the end of counsel's addresses Mr. Justice James summed up. The jury of four retired and in less than an hour returned a verdict for "Smith's Weekly."

Below follows Mr. Justice James' summing-up. Following the verdict, His Honour remarked that he intended to have the papers forwarded to the Attorney-General in view of the serious contradiction between the plaintiff and several of the witnesses, and should the Attorney-General think it necessary to take action, he would give leave to prosecute the plaintiff for perjury.

"I think it is hardly necessary for me to tell you that this is a case of justice, and that abuse is no argument," said Mr. Justice James in commencing his summing-up. After Mr. Young, counsel for what became of the alleged Bishop, had finished his address, a good deal will depend on the view you take as to whether these articles constitute a general attack on the plaintiff's reputation, or if you can sum it up as generally as an attack, as Mr. Young so aptly put it, which sought to show that the plaintiff was an impostor, that he was a charlatan, and that he had got into collision with the law.

"How far you would be justified in saying that he was a criminal would, of course, be entirely a matter for you. Those are general allegations, and if you think that, on the whole, the character of the typewriting, she is a man who would do that can have no character at all. To write an anonymous letter of that kind to a girl's mother, a good and pure girl, places a man absolutely beneath contempt, and, as Mr. Watt says, no coin of the realm could be low enough to meet any charge against his reputation."

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## Indelible Pencil.

Gentlemen, here is the libel part of the matter to—and I am calling your attention to it only so that you may see your opinion of it—is not signed in ink, but in indelible pencil, and it comes from a big bank (Hongkong), although it is on a branch paper. When you look at the letter, which is by Miss Russell there, there is the head per, and it is quite different from a Saigon branch paper."

Letter produced by Miss Russell read by the Judge, in which Bishop had no money with the bank, no money there in her name, and receipt for German marks to in his letter to her had turned over to it, so that he could do nothing for her.

His Honour turned to the Miss Russell purporting to be from "H. N. Ralph," to Bishop said he had given the purities for the marks, to Miss Russell.

"I will to remember" said Mr. Ralph, according to his own statement, and this letter, which was the same as was used in North Borneo, had for perjury.

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## OBITUARY.

## MR. FRANK SMYTH.

The death took place in London yesterday of Mr. Frank Smyth, for over thirty years a well-known and respected resident of the Colony. Mr. Smyth, who was 58 years of age, recently underwent an operation for internal trouble but the news of his death came as somewhat of a shock to his many friends here, as earlier news had been to the effect that the operation was considered successful.

Mr. Smyth carried on the business of Vernon and Smyth, Share and General Brokers, Des Vaux Road, for many years prior to his retirement two years ago. He first joined the firm in 1900. He left the Colony shortly after his retirement with his wife and youngest son and settled in Ockendon, Surrey but was back in the Colony for a few months early this year, leaving again in April.

Mr. Smyth's chief recreation was sailing, and he had held the position of Commodore to the Yacht Club. He was a Freemason and many years ago was "Reuter's" Hongkong agent.

Mr. Smyth leaves a widow and three sons. Mrs. Smyth is at their Surrey home with the youngest son, another son is with Butterfield and Swire at Hankow and the third is on his honeymoon at Honolulu. He was married recently at St. John's Cathedral.

The Hongkong Stock Exchange closed down at noon to-day in token of respect for the late Mr. Smyth, who was chairman for many years.

## The Verdict.

The jury of four was out for just under an hour. Bishop was present when the foreman announced a verdict for the defendants, Smith's Newspapers Ltd. Immediately the verdict was given, Bishop dashed out of Court.

"I shall send the papers in this case to the Attorney-General," then said the Judge, "and will call attention to the contradictions between the plaintiff and several witnesses. If he thinks it necessary to take action I will give him leave to prosecute the plaintiff for perjury."

Costs, including the costs of the evidence taken on commission in Hongkong, Colombo, and Calcutta, were given against Bishop.

Commenting on the verdict "Smith's Weekly" observes that the case necessitated sending a member of the paper's staff, Captain John O'Donnell, one of the many A.I.P. men on the paper, to investigate and furnish the facts for the several tribunals. The fares and expenses of Captain O'Donnell exceeded £1,200.

As a staff man he was told that he must represent Australia as "Smith's" would have Australia represented. His transport and hotel expenses were to be first class in every particular, for "Smith's" was representing in this cleaning up the public of Australia. Governments don't do this work, so "Smith's" volunteered to do it.

In Ceylon Captain O'Donnell instructed Messrs. Julius and Creasy, the leading legal firm, to brief the best counsel available. Two advocates, Messrs. P. A. Hayley and H. E. Garvin, appeared on behalf of "Smith's," for Australia, as the paper deemed it, to examine witnesses before the Commission. The legal expenses alone for the few days during which evidence was taken amounted to £376 9s. 8d.

Then Captain O'Donnell journeyed to Calcutta, and there instructed Sanderson and Co., an outstanding firm of solicitors of that city, to watch Australia's interests. Mr. W. E. Page was briefed, and the legal costs for the few days in which the Commission was engaged totalled £261 5s.

From Calcutta Captain O'Donnell went on to Hongkong, and there instructed the Messrs. Deacons, who briefed Mr. Potter, K.C., referred to by Mr. Bishop's counsel as a "Chinese advocate," though, of course, he is British, and a member of the English Bar. Evidence was taken there, and the legal costs to "Smith's" were £627 4s. 1d.

Preparing evidence for these commissions occupied Captain O'Donnell several months. In addition to legal outgoings and his personal expenses, heavy incidental costs were incurred. It became almost a weekly matter to cable hundreds.

Meanwhile the case had an investigation staff at work in Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, and Adelaide, tracing the plaintiff's commercial activities, and, in the sense that he was an authority on trade, his public history. This cost in time and money—easily £1,000.

In all, the cost of defending the Bishop action amounted to over £7,000. This was the state of the case approximately, tally when the case finished, although the whole of the detailed costs were not then available.

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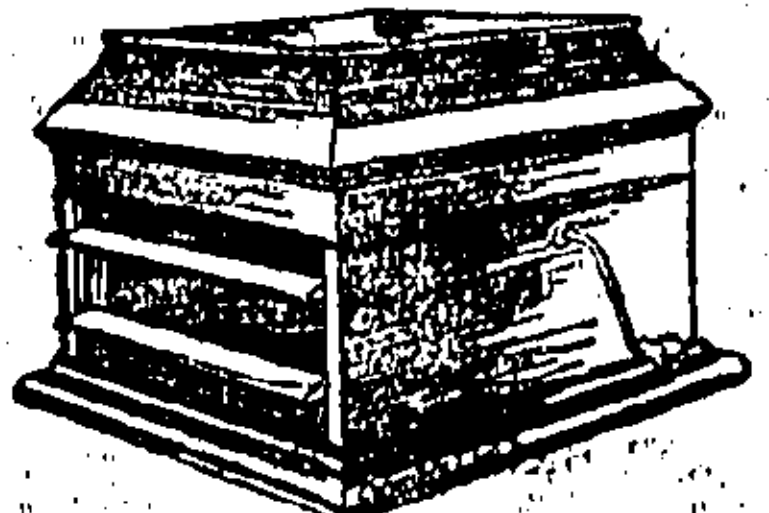
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Hongkong, 31st July, 1924.

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S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong	Destination
"MIRAPORE"	6,715	7th Aug. at Noon	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"DEVANHA"	6,692	9th Aug. at Noon	MARSEILLE, London & Antwerp
"BICILIA"	6,813	22nd Aug. at Noon	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & B'way
"MANTUA"	10,872	23rd Aug. at Noon	MARSEILLE, London & Antwerp
"WAGODA"	6,654	30th Aug. at Noon	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"SARDINIA"	6,684	4th Sept. at Noon	MARSEILLE, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,118	8th Sept. at Noon	MARSEILLE, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN-HIND"	11,430	20th Sept. at Noon	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
"SOUADAN"	6,888	2nd Oct. at Noon	MARSEILLE, London & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	9,983	4th Oct. at Noon	MARSEILLE, London & Antwerp
"MORLA"	10,811	15th Oct. at Noon	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & B'way
"SICILIA"	6,813	29th Oct. at Noon	MARSEILLE, London & Antwerp
"KASHOAR"	8,940	1st Nov. at Noon	MARSEILLE, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	15th Nov. at Noon	MARSEILLE, London & Antwerp
"KARMALA"	8,988	29th Nov. at Noon	MARSEILLE, London & Antwerp
"MANTUA"	10,872	13th Dec. at Noon	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & B'way
"KEIVA"	6,697	27th Dec. at Noon	MARSEILLE, London & Antwerp
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	10th Jan. at Noon	MARSEILLE, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,118	24th Jan. at Noon	MARSEILLE, London & Antwerp
"MORLA"	10,811	7th Feb. at Noon	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & B'way
"KASHMIR"	9,983	21st Feb. at Noon	MARSEILLE, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	7th Mar. at Noon	MARSEILLE, London & Antwerp

## BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

"TAKADA"	6,849	20th Aug.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TAKADA"	10,000	2nd Sept.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TILAWA"	10,000	5th Sept.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

## EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

"EASTERN"	4,000	27th Aug.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday
"ARAFURA"	6,000	1st Oct.	Island, Townsville, Brisbane,
"ST. ALBANS"	4,000	24th Oct.	Sydney & Melbourne.

Frequent connections from Australia with the following:-  
The Union S.S. Company's steamers to the United Kingdom via New Zealand,  
Australia, San Francisco, etc.  
The P. & O. Royal Mail steamers to London via Suez Canal.  
The P. & O. Branch Service of steamers to London via the Cape.  
The New Zealand Shipping Company's steamers for Southampton and London  
via Panama Canal.

## SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

"NAGAYA"	4,654	2nd Aug. at night	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SARDINIA"	6,813	8th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KALYAN"	9,118	12th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TALMA"	10,000	13th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TILAWA"	10,000	16th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KALYAN-HIND"	11,430	22nd Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"PESHAWAR"	7,834	31st Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TAKADA"	6,849	31st Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	9,983	7th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SOUADAN"	6,888	8th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	8th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TAKADA"	6,849	15th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MORLA"	10,811	15th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	9,983	22nd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,000	3rd Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SICILIA"	6,813	4th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	10th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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"KALYAN"	9,118	27th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,000	3rd Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MORLA"	10,811	10th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	9,983	24th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.

All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.  
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## HONGKONG MARKE PRODUCE.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PR  
Butcher Meat.

July 23, 1924	July 23, 1924
Beef, Strickland, - Mat Lang Pa .. lb. 30	24
" Prime Cut .. lb. 30	24
" Corned, - Ham Ngau Yek .. lb. 20	24
" Roast, - Shiu .. lb. 20	24
" Breast, - Ngau Nam .. lb. 20	24
" Soup, - Tong Yek .. lb. 20	24
" Shank, - Ngau Yek Pa .. lb. 20	24
" Shank Strickland, - Ngau Lan .. lb. 20	24
" Sausages, - Ngau Cheung .. lb. 20	24
" Sausages, - Ngau No per set 12	24
" Tongue, fresh, - Ngau Lan each 60	24
" Tongue, corned, - Ham Ngau Li .. lb. 20	24
" Head, - Ngau Tan .. each 1.00	24
" Heart, - Ngau Tan .. each 1.00	24
" Hump, Salt, - Ngau Tan .. each 1.00	24
" Feet, - Ngau Tan .. each 1.00	24
" Kidneys, - Ngau Tan .. each 1.00	24
" Liver, - Ngau Tan .. each 1.00	24
" Tripe (addressed), Ngau Tan lb. 6	24
" Calves' Head and Feet, - Ngau Tan .. lb. 20	24
" Mutton Chop, - Young Pal Kwai .. lb. 15	24
" Leg, - Young Pal Kwai .. lb. 15	24
" Shoulder, - Young Pal Kwai .. lb. 15	24
" Saddle, - Young Pal Kwai .. lb. 15	24
" Pig's Chilling, - Chiu Chong .. lb. 15	24
" Brains, - Chiu Chong .. lb. 15	24
" Feet, - Chiu Chong .. lb. 15	24
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### ANNUAL REPORTS.

#### EXTRACTS OF INTEREST.

The "China Mail" has received a budget of annual reports from which the following extracts are of general interest:

	1923.	1922.
Convicted by Ordinary Courts	4,277	4,149
Convicted by Court Martial	4	3
Debtors	17	31
On remand or in default of findings	1,040	831
Total	5,338	5,014

There was an increase of 324 on the total number of admissions as compared with the year 1922. There was an increase of prisoners convicted for larceny during the year under review, the number being 1,060 against 870 for the previous year.

2. The number of Revenue Grade prisoners admitted to prison was 3351, of whom 1,607 were convicted under the Opium Ordinance and 76 for breach of the anti-regulations. During the year a system of remission has been introduced for prisoners with sentences of over 6 months and under 2 years. By good conduct they may earn a maximum reduction of one sixth of their sentences. (Prisoners whose sentences are 2 years or over may earn one fourth remission if males, and one third if females).

POLICE.  
The total of all cases reported to the Police during the year 1923 was 14,000 as against 13,939 in 1922 being an increase of 261 or 1.87%. The average for the last five years is 12,567.

In the division of these cases into serious and minor offences there were 4,011 serious cases in 1923 as against 4,260 serious cases in 1922, a decrease of 249 cases, or 5.8%. There were 10,189 minor cases in 1923 against 9,679 minor cases in 1922, an increase of 510 cases or 5.2%.

The attention of the Department has been directed chiefly to the suppression of crime within the Colony. Other branches of Criminal Investigation work have not received the attention that may be possible in more peaceful times.

While serious crime within the Colony has diminished, piracy has become a very serious menace. This may be ascribed chiefly to the unsettled conditions in South China. The number of Hong Kong vessels pirated has been but a fraction of the number of Chinese craft looted by pirates in the Delta.

On November 15, extra temporary searchers were engaged. The piracy of the Cheung Chau Launch "Li Fat" showed the necessity of searching ferry launches plying within the waters of the Colony. Extra men were required for this work. The searchers are regular duty constables under the supervision of European Detective Officers. The strength of the searching staff for outgoing steamers was—Europeans 5, Chinese (regular) 30, Chinese (temporary) 15.

In November, 1923, special regular duty and detective measures were adopted to check crime before Chinese New Year. The number of cases of serious crime (murder, armed robbery, highway robbery) during the two months before Chinese New Year (February 5, 1924) was 40. The number for the corresponding period in the previous year was 75.

The conduct and discipline of the European and Indian Recruits was satisfactory with the following exceptions:—  
Two Indians were dismissed for misconduct; six Indians were struck off; and one Indian was allowed to resign as unsuitable for the Police.

The conduct and discipline of the Chinese Recruits was not satisfactory:—  
Four men were dismissed; six were struck off the strength of the Force and thirty-two were permitted to resign.

All Chinese Recruits are now required to find a surety in \$100 before being enlisted.

HARBOUR.  
The total Shipping entering and clearing at Ports in the Colony during the year 1923, amounted to 278,222 vessels of 53,402,239 tons,

which, compared with the figures of 1922, show an increase of 69,978 vessels, and of 6,835,475 tons. Of the above 49,900 vessels of 35,011,533 tons were engaged in Foreign Trade as compared with 50,427 vessels of 29,543,364 tons in 1922.

An increase is shown in British Ocean-going shipping of 842 ships or 18.5 per cent, and an increase of 1,533,250 tons or 15.8 per cent. This increase in ships and tonnage is due to new steamers built in Europe being put on the Eastern trade, new steamers locally built being put on the Coasting trades, the Norwegian s.s. "Helios" put under British Registry and renamed the "Wong Shek Kung".

Foreign Ocean-going vessels have increased by 153 ships, and by 2,389,646 tons or 18.9 per cent in numbers and 19.4 per cent in tonnage. This increase in ships and tonnage is due to new German Steamers being put on the Eastern trade, new Spanish Mail Steamers being put on the Eastern trade, the Chinese s.s. "Ling Nam" being put on the South American trade, New Nippon Yusen Kaisha Steamers being put on the run to Europe and a number of new vessels put on the Coasting trade principally Dutch and Norwegian. The British s.s. "Wong Shek Kung" being put under the Chilean Flag and the s.s. "Haimun" being put under Panama Flag. The s.s. "Dashtestan" being put under the Portuguese Flag and renamed the s.s. "Coloan".

British River Steamers have increased by 1,142 ships with an increase in tonnage of 1,967,123 tons or 23.1 per cent in numbers and 52.7 per cent in tonnage. This increase in ships and tonnage is due to new River Steamers "Lung Shan" being put on the Canton run, the "Kwong Fook Cheung" being put on the West River run and the Chinese River Steamer "Wah Kin" renamed the "Fook Sing" and put under British Registry.

Foreign River Steamers show a decrease of 353 ships, a decrease in tonnage of 74,985 tons or 8.3 per cent in numbers and 10.2 per cent in tonnage. This decrease in ships and tonnage is due to a number of vessels being unable to run owing to the unsettled state on the West River and the Chinese Steamer "Wah Kin" being put under British Registry and renamed "Fook Sing".

In Steamships not exceeding 60 tons employed in Foreign trade, there is a decrease in tonnage of 57,971 tons or 26.2 per cent in numbers and 28.9 per cent in tonnage. This decrease in launches and tonnage is due to a number of launches employed in Foreign trade being laid up or trading in the waters of the Colony owing to the unsettled state on the Canton and West Rivers.

### ACCOUNTANT CHARGED.

#### ALLEGED DEFALCATIONS.

Mr. King-woon, an aged employee of the Cigarette Hawkers' Association, was charged at the Police Magistrate's yesterday afternoon with fraudulently converting to his own use \$1,500 belonging to the Association by whom he was engaged as accountant.

Mr. Prior appeared for the prosecution and Mr. C. A. S. Russ for the defendant.

The President of the Guild said that owing to the non-payment of certain bills sent to the Association, witness asked defendant what he had done with the money drawn from the bank for this purpose and was told by him that he had spent it. An auditor was then called in and, on going through the books, he discovered further defalcations, the total amount of which was set out in the charge.

In answer to Mr. Russ, witness denied that it was the practice of the Guild to lend money to its members or that the reason for the defendant not having the money in hand was due to his having paid out money in loans as instructed by witness. Witness also said that he did not remember his Guild advancing \$1,000 to the Seamen's Union.

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### BLACKMAIL.

#### ATTEMPTS IN CANTON.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

In the last few days no less than 20 black-mailing letters have come to the attention of the Canton Police, the writers asking for \$2,000 to \$4,000, signing themselves members of the 19th Party, and addressing the demands to shops and individuals. The Police believe that the many raids on small gambling houses in Canton recently were organized by members of the 19th Party.

### RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

#### STRANGE RUMOURS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 31.  
The Paris correspondent of the "Morning Post" says that in well-informed circles it is believed that a secret Russo-Japanese treaty has been entered into and is on the point of being signed, if it is not already signed. It is asserted that Japan will furnish heavy artillery and hand over to Russia her surplus warships while Russia will cede all oil rights in Northern Saghalien to Japan.

It is further asserted that it was chiefly owing to Japanese influence that the Russo-Japanese agreements were recently signed.

RUSSIAN VIEW OF SITUATION.  
Moscow, July 31.  
The "Izvestia" says that the Union of Soviet is ready to grant concessions for the exploitation of the Saghalien Naphtha wells by mixed companies with Soviet, Japanese and American capital as the best way out of the difficulty.

It resents Japan's viewpoint that compensation should be paid for evacuation and declares that Japan's rights were only acquired through military occupation. The article does not mention outstanding British claims in the Island.

### INDIAN DISASTER.

#### CONFLICTING REPORTS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Simla, July 30.  
The two British military airmen reported to have been killed in a crash during a fog at Razmak, yesterday, have returned safely.

ONE RETURN.  
Simla, July 31.  
According to latest information from the frontier one air craftsman was killed—the hands-of-the-Wazir has returned alone and safely to Razmak. The squadron leader with whom he was a passenger remains in the hands of the tribesmen. It is reported that he is unhurt, and well treated, but that there is no reason to doubt that the four others have been killed as has already been reported.

### IRISH BOUNDARY.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, July 31.  
On the eve of its recess the Government is suddenly confronted with a political problem of the first magnitude arising out of the reported decision of the Privy Council that the Boundary Commission cannot be legally constituted without a representative for Ulster being appointed by the Government of Northern Ireland. It is believed in parliamentary circles that new legislation must be introduced to deal with the question, for the solution of which President Cosgrave of the Irish Free State is pressing, as it is impossible to pass such a bill before the recess, unless unanimity is previously secured. The cabinet has decided to call a round table conference of the party leaders and British signatories of the British Free State treaty.

### PERSIAN OUTRAGE.

#### DEEP REGRET EXPRESSED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tehran, July 31.  
The newspaper "Iran" publishes a letter from the Foreign Minister to the American Minister expressing the Government and nation's horror and sorrow at the murder of Mr. Imbrie. It intimates the Government's complete willingness to carry out the demands of the American. Note dated on July 28. The letter only regrets that Persia has no fleet, otherwise it would have placed a warship at American disposal for the conveyance of Mr. Imbrie's remains. The question of proper compensation for the widow is now being considered.

### NEW AGE.

#### NEW CANNATURE.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

The Kwangtung University in Canton, newly formed from the amalgamation of formerly High Normal, Agricultural Schools Government, will be ready for session in September. The students have up to Aug. send in their names for entrance examinations. There will be art and science, agriculture, and engineering course in engineering is a.

The Kwangtung University is the latest addition to several institutions of the grade in Canton. The Christian College, providing in agriculture and arts science, has been granting degrees the last six years. The Union Theological College, Hackett Medical College, and the Kwangtung Medical College are other institutions of university grade in Canton.

Mr. Chau Lu, formerly Salt Commissioner and leader of the Kuomintang Party, is the President. The University will be independent. Provincial Administration, while supporting the University has reserved special appropriations from "land-field tax," in addition to receipts from the transit collected at the Kowloon and Lantien of the Chinese Customs.

### CHINA'S STUD.

#### RAISING FUN.

#### CANTON'S NEW SKE.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

Cantonese students ably glad to note that the Government has finally fixed certain public revenue for their interest. The Government has decided to raise the tax at the Lappa and Kowloon Districts by 20 per cent which will produce about \$5,000 m.

for remittance to the Government students in foreign countries in addition to \$2,000 monthly from the Salt Revenue Bureau and monthly from the butchery of the Provincial Administration.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen, as Chairman of the Kuomintang Political Council, addressed a conference of farmers' division of the party in the intention of the Kuomintang to enlist the support of farmers, organizing them into co-operative leagues for economic and political purposes. To properly guide and influence farmers, a leaders' class is now training and young men will be taught and prepared to become missionaries of communal thought to the farmers of Kwangtung.

### WATER POLO.

#### LEAGUE TO DATE.

July 21.—The Navy v the K.B.S. "A." This match was postponed owing to a number of players of the former team being ill.

The second match of the evening between the Surrey's "A" and the V.R.C. "B" resulted in the latter winning by 3 goals to nil.

July 22.—The A.D.P. "A" v the V.R.C. "A." This was the first occasion that these two teams have met since the commencement of the league. The V.R.C. won 3-0. In the concluding game, between the A.D.P. "B" and the K.B.S. "B" the former team failed to produce their full team and points were conceded to the K.B.S.

July 23.—The A.D.P. "B" failing to enter an efficient team, conceded the points to the V.R.C. "A."

July 24.—The Surrey's "A" v the Navy. The game proved very slow throughout with little or no effort shown by either teams. The result was 3 goals to nil in favour of the Surreys.

The concluding match was between the K.B.S. "A" and the Surreys "B" which was a walk over for the former by 12 goals to nil.

July 25.—The A.D.P. "A" defeated the V.R.C. "B" by 2 goals to nil.

The A.D.P. "B" forfeited points to V.R.C. "A."

The following is the league table to date:—

Total... 70 35 35 160 160 70

### CHEUNG CHAU NOTES.

#### FRESH VISITORS.

Cheung Chau, July 30.  
The s.s. "Kung Yik," having undergone repairs, has been back on the 7 p.m. run from Hongkong since the beginning of the week. Owing to the arrival of new comers and the departure of some of the island's guests, the "Kung Yik" has a busy time ahead.

There will be a concert on Saturday, at which some new talent will be heard.

The Rev. G. H. McNeur, of the New Zealand Mission at Canton, will preach here next Sunday.

A number of the more energetic menfolk have been holding volleyball contests. The warmly contested "international" events of past years, perhaps may be revived. It is up to America to "regain the Ashes" and the cup.

The local police force have been very active lately in rifle practice and the "lay figures" presented a fairly battered appearance as proof of their skill. A single loud report caused a good deal of speculation, some thinking that a Gun Typhoon Signal had been instituted. We understand that it merely was the testing of a sample rocket signal from the "Kung Yik."

### TO MARINERS.

#### "KONG NING" AGROUND.

Following the accident to the river boat "Kong Ning" owned by Messrs. Banker & Co., of Hongkong, the Harbour Master's office of the Shamshui district has issued the following notice under date of July 29:—

"The British motor-vessel 'Kong Ning' is a ground on the North bank of the West River about four and a half miles above Shingchi city. She lies half a mile West of Spike Hill and out of the track of shipping."

### TO-DAY'S

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Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1924.

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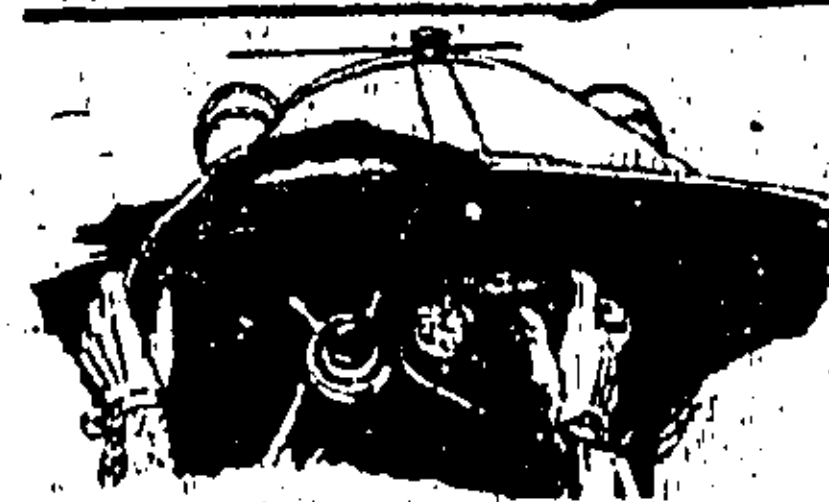
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## RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE.

## CREEDS AND DOGMAS.

## WHAT IS THE RESULT?

Taking as his text:—"What shall we do?" What must I do to be saved? Acts 2:36, 16:30, the Rev. C. C. Porri, C.F., in a sermon last Sunday at the Wesleyan Church, said:

In the recently published "Some Confessions of an Average Man," Mr. Richard King writes frankly about his own religious experience. He found that "Religion was just a tiresome observance." "As a beautiful faith to inspire each action of the hundredth daily round it was unimaginable, as it was never pointed out." Practical Christianity was never taught him, "only a dreary routine of dreary observances."

"They were stuffed with creeds and these creeds taught them no philosophy of conduct. The 'spirit' which animates religious beliefs was never explained to them. They were merely given so many unessential facts misquoting as articles of faith necessary to salvation."

They started adult life "not only without a religion but with a fury against all those people and institutions which have religion for their inspiration."

"Dogma and ritual seem to have come between Christ and the vast multitude of men and women, who seek His consolation in those temples erected for His worship."

"He watches in the Churches some more or less meaningless ritual performed as if it were necessary for salvation, not only to perform, but to regard. He discovers that the Churches are, for the most part, identified with ideas and practices which for the modern man have little or no interest and less importance."

"The God men find in the Churches is a God that the world outside has outgrown." "The Christ of the New Testament—that gentle, lowly, all-loving, all-forgiving deity—seems nowhere to be found in this mixture of inward mysticism and outward magnificence."

"He will return to the Church when the Church places itself in the vanguard of human progress, when he can hope to find there no longer the violent assertions of scientifically disproved dogma, the performance of empty rituals." We quote again Mr. H. G. Wells: "More people are asking to-day what must I do to be saved? The trouble with the Christian Churches is that they give a confused, unconvincing and unsatisfying answer."

Wells and King represent an increasing number of thoughtful inquirers who are to be found outside the Churches, but not outside religion or uninfluenced by the spirit of religion.

The quotations we have made create the impression that in the case of Mr. Wells "Salvation" and in the case of Mr. King "Religion" may not be after all a matter of doing but something entirely different.

The Churches may say "Do this and thou shalt be saved" but if their voices are many and warring, and if those who listen are driven to doubt uncertainty and denial by the confusion of tongues; may we not suspect the "Do this?"

The Churches may formulate creeds and dogmas, may multiply observances and rituals but if the result is producing boredom and revolt in the multitude; may we not also suspect that salvation does not consist in "Believe this and do that" on the authority of the Churches.

The Churches will have to recognise that whatever answer they may give to the great question can only be tentative and in no way final. Now occasions teach new duties even religious duties!

To all the progressive movements of the human mind and spirit the Churches must react. The failure to do so in the past must be retrieved.

We are of opinion, however, that such reaction will enable the Churches to give a fuller and more comprehensive content to the idea of salvation.

The answer for which inquirers are waiting is not concerned with new doctrines and dogmas and new rules and routine but something fundamental and we believe it will yet be rediscovered by the Churches where it exists in its utmost simplicity.

The message of the undivided Church removes the suspicion that salvation may not be a matter of doing, but of something entirely different.

We may be guided in our quest for the convincing answer, if we can get behind Apostles, Churches and Councils to the Master Teacher and Saviour of men.

He was asked "what must we do?" but His reply did not immediately carry conviction. The world of His day and the world of our day expected and expects a different answer, therefore the confusion. Insight and understanding come when in the light of His cross Jesus is revealed as the Saviour of men, and we exclaim with the crowd "He saved others, Himself He could not save."

Whatever may be our attitude

to authority of the Churches in matters of religion our attitude to Jesus is one of respect for His authority, which to most of us is ultimate in all the concerns of the spirit.

"Controversies" writes Mr. Wells, do not sway history as the personal teaching of Jesus sways history. The personal teaching of Jesus does seem to mark a new phase in the moral and spiritual life of our race."

What answer did Jesus give to those who asked "What must we do?" We quote Mr. Wells again. "Jesus made a bold and uncompromising demand for a complete change and cleansing of the life of our struggling race, an utter cleansing without and within. To the Gospels the reader must go for this tremendous teaching."

To the fourth Gospel we go for our illustration of that teaching. "What shall we do?" asked the crowd of Jesus, "that we might work the works of God?" Unexpected, was the reply. "This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent."

More unexpected and perplexing was what followed. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life."

The answer which Jesus gave, and it may be added that the answer is in no way peculiar to the fourth Gospel, but is in harmony with the teaching of the other Gospels, reveals Jesus as the Teacher of a system of salvation; original in its simplicity. The originality of His way of salvation may be understood in the light of the fierce antagonism which it immediately created and the unqualified condemnation of it by the Jewish Rabbis. The Master-Teacher stands out in vivid contrast as the preacher of the faith that saves to the Jewish teachers of the Law as preachers of the works of the Law by which salvation is achieved.

Jesus confronted a world whose religion was national and exclusive, a religion, with divinely sanctioned laws, traditions and customs, with Temple, priesthood, and altars, a religion with highly complicated machinery of salvation.

The answer of Judaism to our question was "Do this and live." Jesus turned to a people overburdened with the hopeless task of doing and taught them to pray, "Our Father... forgive us our trespasses." He taught them that salvation was conditioned by faith in Himself. "God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Belief, He taught them, was no substitute for works but their strength and inspiration. "Tremendous" are His words "Verily, verily I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto the Father."

The conflict between Jesus and the Jewish teachers, between the Master Himself and the Pharisees was not merely local and temporary in its significance. It was a conflict of principles, and fundamentals, old as religion itself and as persistent. The conflict was renewed in the primitive Church and continues to the present day.

What must I do? Does the reply of Jesus satisfy? "This is the work of God that ye believe on Him." We fear not.

What answer did the apostles give to the crowd on the day when they cried, what must we do?

Our interest in raising this question is to trace its source in the Gospels what was distinctive in their reply.

The first impression we receive on examining the answer is one of surprise that there is little which distinguishes it from the message of the earlier prophets. The "Repent ye," the promise of forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit, show that the apostles are successors to the prophetic tradition.

In the name of Jesus Christ introduces what is new and distinctive.

In the name "is characteristic phraseology of the Old Testament. The name Jesus" belongs to the beginning of the Gospel. "Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins."

At Pentecost Peter requires those who receive the message to be baptised "in the name."

Later he declares "Neither is there salvation in any other for there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

A third reference to the name, "Through His name, whose believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins."

What was new and characteristic of the apostolic message is their insistence on the circumstance that there is a vital relation between salvation and the name of Jesus Christ.

What must we do? It is clear that whatever we do, our doing must be related to the name. The simplest thing we can do is to believe in the name, and all that the name means. It is at the same time the most revolutionary act of the human mind and heart. The scrapping of old beliefs and confidences is made

possible, when in simple trust we take Jesus as the Saviour and Master of our life. What shall we do? Doing is the surrender of ourselves to His will and purposes. He who forgives royally, restores mightily and gives divinely of His Spirit.

What was new, distinctive and dynamic in the message of Pentecost was the re-affirmation of the teaching of Jesus, that "He that believeth on Me hath life."

The apostles preached the all-sufficiency of faith in Jesus Christ as the means of salvation. The earliest members of the Church were those "who believed."

Why is the answer of the Churches described as confused, unsatisfying and unconvincing?

The confusion is as old as the first decade of the history of the Church. It is significant that confusion did not enter as might be expected on account of any attempt on the part of the Church to read just her answer to new conditions of progress but as might be least expected it entered by way of reaction to earlier and deeply ingrained religious ideas which the religion in her first enthusiasm had superseded.

The sufficiency and efficiency of faith as the condition of salvation was challenged on the authority of old religion.

The conflict belongs to the first decade of the history of the Church, it is actual to-day as the two quotations with which we began show.

The occasion of the reopening of the question was the progress of the Church, and the beginning of her world-wide mission.

At Antioch in Syria the Church emerged from her exclusiveness as a sect, within the Hebrew religion and composed as members of Jewish Christians and adherents of the freedom of a new religion with Jews and Gentiles and recognising no racial or religious distinctions.

The Church had sent forth Barnabas and Saul on a tour of evangelisation. St. Paul had preached to Gentiles in Antioch of Pisidia; many had believed and were added to the Church. Antioch approved when he heard that "God had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles."

Jerusalem remained the centre of Jewish Christianity and Antioch became the centre of Gentile Christianity.

What the proto-martyr Stephen had foreseen, and what the consenting Paul had consciously rejected but unconsciously received, the genius of Christianity was universal.

The accident of Jewish jealousy and rejection of the message in Pisidia gave the impulse to the wider evangelisation. Paul's "Lo we turn to the Gentiles" was the cry of freedom and advance.

What answer did Paul give to Gentile inquirers? What must we do?

The question is one of immediate interest, it is noteworthy that in the great periods of religion the return has been made to what is common to the teaching of Paul and His divine Master.

The Gospels, the apostles and the Church do not explain Paul or his mission and message.

Saul, as he first appears in the Acts of the Apostles, consents to the death of Stephen. A member of the strictest sect of the Jews a Pharisee of the Pharisees, he proved his fanatical regard for the old religion by the fierceness of his assault on the new. The story of how he was halted on the road to Damascus, the hungry roar of Judaism on his way to raze the Christian flock, is familiar to all.

"Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" The Jesus, whom he was persecuting met him in the way. There is more than surprise in the oft-repeated question. We can detect the undertones of conflict; in that spiritual crisis Paul knew the reason why he had been the enemy, he had resisted an inquiry which might have made him a friend.

We detect also the deeper note of despair. The strict and conscientious Pharisee face to face with Jesus knew in that moment of illumination and self-revelation how vain had been his past confidence and boasting.

What wilt Thou have me to do? It was the confession of a great soul's tragedy, the tragedy to achieve harmony, salvation and peace through the most conscientious and persistent doing the most faithful performance of all the externalities of religious observances, obediences, rites and ritual.

The Pharisee, who believed himself in respect of law blameless, is known to us in his letters as "Of sinners the chief."

Paul came to his knowledge of the way of salvation through a direct and personal contact with Jesus, through an experience of disillusionment and despair he came to the knowledge that only by the grace of God can a sinner be saved and through faith in the Christ, the Saviour of men.

We can understand that Paul had but one answer to Jew and Gentile, and that answer the all-sufficiency of faith and the complete efficiency of "doing."

By his earlier experience of Pharisaism and the discovery of its moral and spiritual failure, and by his later discovery of the dynamic power of faith, he came to a full understanding of the

teaching of Jesus and the first message of salvation. "At Antioch," he preached "Through this Man Jesus, is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins, and by Him all ye believe are justified from all things from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses."

"To the armed galler at Philippi who cries that I do to be saved?" He replies "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

To the Church at Rome he writes, "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

The Council which met at Jerusalem to re-open the question "What must we do?" followed upon the inauguration of the mission of Paul to the Gentiles but the reason and cause of the Council is to be found in the reaction of an apostle or apostles and the Pharisee exclusiveness and dependence upon an external and ritualistic system of salvation.

"Except ye be circumcised," they insisted, "the Gentiles must become Jews and find salvation through the rites and ceremonies of the older religion, as well as by faith."

Paul but one answer and one defence. The Jew must be saved by a Gentile, he too must enter into salvation as the Gentile, simple and beggar of all works of the law and he, too, must enter in by the door, the door of faith.

The supremacy and sufficiency of faith in Jesus Christ as the means of salvation was in question. The answer of the Council was a compromise, since when confusion had reigned in the Churches.

What must I do? The simple answer "believe" was too simple, the teaching of Jesus "believe" too original, therefore was authority of the past evoked to supplement it.

We inherit from the beginnings of Christianity a two-fold answer to the question of our text. That they are irreconcilable may occur to the few but not to the many. "Our most important opinions, those which have to do with traditional and moral sanctions are rarely the result of reasoned considerations."

We receive most of our religious ideas on trust; reliance on authority is fundamental in human character. We absorb them from the environment in which we live, and share them with others without examining or questioning them.

What must I do to be saved? will not greatly trouble us, we shall hold traditional opinions undisturbed, we shall observe the conventional religious duties etc., of the Church of our choice without enthusiasm, we may even in a changed environment relax those duties without any great sense of loss.

But let us begin to ask with a new intensity. What must I do? Then it is we realise how confused are the answers, how unconvincing the many authorities, and how unsatisfying all the routine of religious observances.

The question itself is the soul's confession of failure to remove the tragedy of sin from human lives, and to achieve deliverance from its insidious power. Or it is the confession of our powerlessness in the face of the great tasks of life, which challenge us, but the humiliating experiences of the past leave us unprepared and unfitted for the larger demands of the future.

We shall be blest indeed if we find an answer where H. G. Wells and Richard King and multitudes of other earnest seekers failed.

We shall have in most cases to return to where the pioneers of the great creative periods of the Church history found their way back to, and that is to the Master Himself. He is ultimately "the way, the truth and the life."

Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do? We must come face to face with the Jesus, whom we may find in the Gospel, His will, and in our own experience. We must come face to face with the Christ who is seeking us and making us restless until we find Him.

What must we do? The least we can do is to believe in Him and the most we can do is to believe. The simplest of all answers was this "This is the work of God that ye believe in Him."

Faith in Him brings deliverance, a Father's pardon and joyous consciousness of sonship. Faith releases the mighty energies of the Spirit of God which flow into the lives of those who believe in the Christ. Faith, in the tremendous words of Jesus, makes possible the highest service of God and man. He that believeth on Me, the works that I do he shall do also, and greater works than these, because I go unto the Father."

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## SOCIAL EVIL.

## LIBELS ON PORT.

## UNOFFICIAL RESENTMENT.

As announced in last evening's "China Mail," at the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday, Hon. Mr. Holyoak, speaking to the resolution condemning Hongkong being included in the region in which an "Advisory Body" has been appointed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to enquire into the existence of maisons tolerées, moved that a protest should be forwarded to the Home Government. Below will be found the full text of the speeches.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak said: I rise, Sir, to propose the resolution standing in my name. I need scarcely say, Sir, that it is distasteful to me to go into detail on this subject, nor is it necessary to do so. For months past, Sir, a issue of libels, which I personally can only describe as malicious, and perhaps inspired, have been circulated at Home in connection with this Colony, both as regards the Mui Tsai system and what is called the "Social Evil Conditions," the bulk of which, I do not hesitate to state, are not borne out by the facts as we know them. That there has been growing public indignation here of these libels has been evidenced in the Press and it would certainly have found voice in public meetings if the present opportunity had not occurred. There is evidence of the misinterpretation of facts even by those who were supposed to know. I would recall to Your Excellency's mind and to the minds of hon. members of this Council that some two years ago we had a visitation from a Commission inquiring into vice in the Eastern ports and a statement was published in one of the most prominent medical journals over the name of Mrs. Neville Rolfe, a member of that Commission, who spent some time inquiring into conditions here, containing assertions which were so definitely contradictory of the facts, but libellous in its references to the state of disease in this Colony that a well-known private man himself personally took upon himself to retract the statement, with the result that Mrs. Neville Rolfe was moved to retract the statement. These and many other such statements have led to the incorporation of Hongkong into the appointment of an Advisory Body to inquire into the "maisons tolerées" and social hygiene of Hongkong and other places. I submit that it could be fairly recognised that this is totally unnecessary, so far as Hongkong is concerned at any rate. In the second place I think I express the unanimous opinion of hon. members when I say we resent interference in what we might call the domestic control of the Colony of Hongkong. The Government might with no greater reason have desired to appoint a Committee to advise upon the hospital system of Hongkong and we, with equal propriety, might demand an inquiry into the conditions of vice existing at Home. As an old resident of many years standing and as one who has stood outside the Government and occasionally criticised it, I can say that the system of registration here is a system—not to protect vice, but to protect women and children from vice. Finally, so much has been said and circulated at Home which has been misrepresentation of the truth, possibly having some little substratum of truth, that we would urge that the Home Government, so far as Hongkong is concerned, at any rate, should appoint to the Advisory Body some resident of long standing in Hongkong familiar with the facts, life and conditions here, and therefore calculated to give sound advice

thereon. I cannot too strongly express the extreme resentment of this Colony that its name should have been fouled, unjustly fouled, by the statements which have been made concerning it.

## REMARKS ENDORSSED.

The Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird: I wish to fully endorse the remarks that have fallen from the senior unofficial member. It would seem that no matter how irresponsible they may be, he or she has only to say something derogatory to Hongkong, and notice is promptly taken of such things without any attempt to find out whether the statements are true or not. I strongly support the suggestion of my colleague that this Colony should be represented on this advisory body by someone who has close knowledge of the facts that exist here, so that in the event of statements being made regarding local conditions that are incorrect they could be promptly contradicted. With these remarks I beg to support the resolution.

Hon. Mr. Kotewall: Sir, I support the resolution, though I should have been glad to see the word "malicious" omitted, for I am inclined to the belief that the action of those whose activities have brought this Colony so unpleasantly and unfairly into the limelight, has been actuated by excessive zeal for their cause rather than by any unworthy motive. I wish, however, to associate myself in this public protest against such action which has undoubtedly tended to create a false impression of conditions in Hongkong.

The Hon. Mr. Chau Siu-ki: I agree with the remarks made by my hon. friend Mr. Kotewall. The Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster: In rising to support this resolution I would like to draw the attention of the Council to the fact that during the last five years or so the Secretaries and the Under-Secretaries of State have been called upon to answer questions relating to Hongkong underlying which there has been an innuendo or slur on the good name of the Colony. These questions, we cannot believe, are asked maliciously by the honourable members who ask them. We are forced therefore to believe that these questioners are mere marionettes dancing vigorously though unconsciously to the wire-pulling of Empire-breakers at Home and abroad. It is time that the resentment against these charges should find expression. The resentment is not confined to unofficial members; it is a resentment which pervades the whole community, and is shared by officials as well. We also would like to see that those who advise the Secretary of State on this and other important questions have an intimate and actual knowledge of the place on which they are advising. Otherwise there is grave danger that they will be talking through their toes. We would like to see some official or unofficial member who has retired from the Colony and knows it well, on this advisory body. We are not afraid of the results of any enquiry that may be made into the social life here, because we believe that Hongkong is a clean city, socially and morally. It is a town of over a million inhabitants, one of the largest ports in the world, a garrison town and a naval station and the abiding place—temporarily or permanently—of people of all sorts and conditions and of every race and tongue; nevertheless we are prepared to say that morally we can stand in favourable comparison with any town of its size in the five continents of the seven seas. I therefore beg to add my support to this resolution.

H.E. the Governor: This motion being the expression of the views of the Unofficial Members, it is out of place for Official Members to express another, except as to whether it should be forwarded to the Secretary of State, and the votes of Official Members are confined entirely to that question. The motion was agreed to.

## SOUTH SEAS FILM.

## "WHERE THE PAVEMENT ENDS."

## CORONET'S FINE PICTURE.

Ever since it became known locally that a film was coming to the Colony under the title "Where the Pavement Ends" those who have read the volume of short stories published under that name by Mr. John Russell have been wondering which particular tale they might look forward to seeing. They will be interested to know, therefore, that the story chosen is "The Passion Vine," that wonderful piece of South Seas romance which many claim to be the brilliant young writer's finest effort. Whether or not it actually is his finest effort is of course a moot point, but there can be no doubt that it could not have been bettered as the basis for a movie-play. The expression "basis" is used because certain concessions have been made to filming requirements—certain incidents which the story only mentions in passing, for instance, have been depicted with full realism—but it is refreshing to know that these concessions have been made with the express consent of the author who was himself present during the entire filming. Even more pleasing is to know that Mr. Russell expressed himself as delighted with the picture, specially complimenting the producer, Mr. Rex Ingram, upon the skilful manner in which he has brought out all the bizarre beauty of the setting, and paying glowing tributes to the ability of the two leading players, Miss Alice Terry and Mr. Ramon Novarro. Readers of "Where the Pavement Ends" will not require to be told that Miss Terry takes the part of the missionary's daughter "committed the sacred cause of respectability in a far land," or that Mr. Novarro fulfils the role of Motari, "the high chief and a descendant of kings" who was "also a native and a pagan," looking most distractingly like a young woodland god. Needless to add the role of the missionary and that of the brutal Captain Hull Gregson are also very ably acted. "Where the Pavement Ends" has been beautifully filmed, and altogether it can be said that the author had every reason to be pleased with the way his story has been brought to life on the screen.

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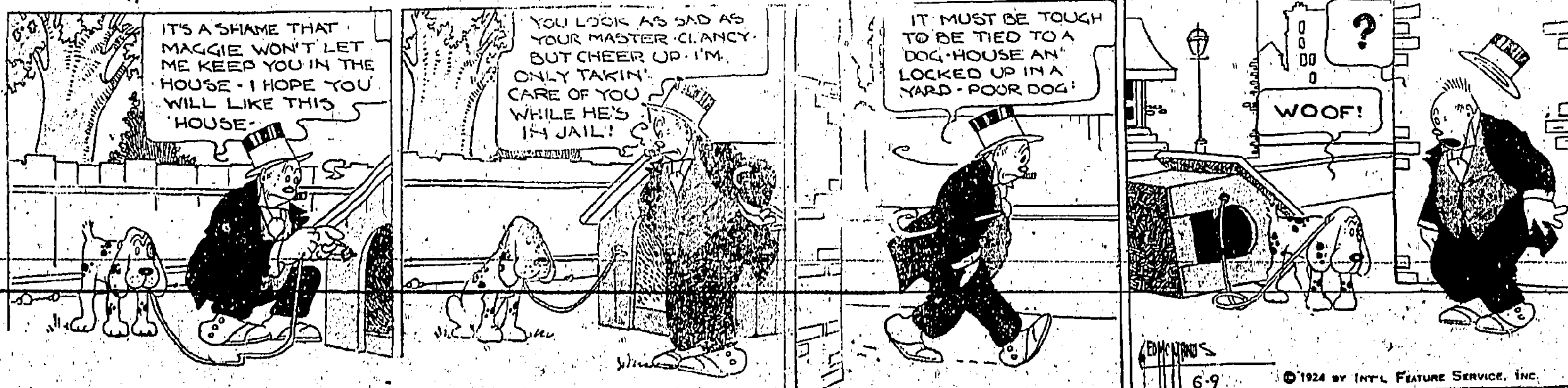
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There will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence on Sunday, and also one delivery of registered correspondence from the G.P.O. at 9 a.m.  
There will be one delivery from each of the Branch Post Offices at noon.  
T. Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

## INWARD MAILS.

From  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 1  
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia (London 26th July).....Rhexenor  
Shanghai SATURDAY, AUGUST 2  
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai.....Pres. Taft  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 3  
Shanghai.....Amazona  
Shanghai.....Soochow  
EUROPE via Negapatnam (Papers only).....Eurypius  
3rd July  
MONDAY, AUGUST 4  
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai.....Pres. Garfield  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5  
Manila.....Pres. Jackson  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6  
Canada U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai.....Emp. of Australia  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 7  
EUROPE via Suva (Letters and Papers London 10th July and parcels 2nd July).....Kalyan  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 9  
U.S.A. Canada, Japan and Shanghai.....Pres. Jefferson

## OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Times
FRIDAY, AUGUST 1		
Samahai and Wuchow	Taining	4.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Nagoya	5 p.m.
Kongkong	San Nam Ho	5.30 p.m.
Thursday Island—due Thursday Island		
14th Aug. Parcels 1st Aug. 5 p.m. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.		
SATURDAY, AUGUST 2		
Fort Bayard	Ling Nam	8 a.m.
Manila, Sulu, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island about 16th August—Parcels 5 p.m. Registration 8 a.m. Letters 8.30 a.m.		
Amoy	Changshu	10 a.m.
Java via Batavia	Tientsin	10.30 a.m.
Wahaiwei	Hoichow	10.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Luchow	10.30 a.m.
Singapore	Mauyang	10.30 a.m.
Wahaiwei	Hoichow	2 p.m.
Strait, Penang and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles about 2nd Sept.		
Hoichow and Haiphong	Rhexenor	5 p.m.
Fort Bayard, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Loosang	5 p.m.
Hand	Hand	5 p.m.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 3		
Japan, Canada, United States, Central & South America, EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C.—due Victoria 18th Aug. Registration 9 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.	Talthybius	
Saloon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles 2nd Sept.—Registration 9 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.		
Manila	Amazona	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Pres. Taft	9 a.m.
Swatow	Amakusa Maru	9 a.m.
Swatow	Singapore	9 a.m.
Amoy	Kiangsu	9 a.m.
Manila	Suisang	9 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	9 a.m.
Amoy	Szechuan	9 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Chakrasang	9 a.m.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Taining	8.30 a.m.
Manila	Pres. Garfield	10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fochow	Haifong	Noon
Straits and Oolootia	Fookang	1 p.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kiangsu	1 p.m.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 7		
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A. Central & South America & EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C.—due Victoria 18th Aug. Registration 9 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.	President Jackson	
Swatow, Amoy and Fochow	Haining	4 p.m.

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## COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

## NAM PAK HONG MARKETS.

This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations, basis usual ground terms, were as follows:  
Java sugar, average quality, per picul net.—Futures—No. 24 rough white—August delivery \$10.43, September delivery \$10.33, October delivery \$10.83. Spot—No. 24 rough white \$11.73, No. 24 fine white \$13.10, No. 18 rough brown \$10.85, Java brown \$10.70.  
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Rice, average quality, per picul gross for net—No. 1 Siam long white \$9.70, No. 1 Saigon long white \$8.80.

## RUBBER.

(Rubber's Service.)

LONDON, July 31.  
The standard of rubber to be exported on the minimum duty from Ceylon, the Straits Settlements, and the Malay States for the quarter beginning on August 1 has been officially fixed at 55.

## TYPHOID.

## FOUR MORE CASES.

Two Chinese, one English and one German patient are down with typhoid (enteric), according to yesterday's health returns. One Chinese case of meningitis is also reported.

## WEST AFRICA.

## WEEKLY DANCES INSTEAD OF FUNERALS.

That indefatigable African traveller, Mr. P. W. H. Migeod, in his new book, "Through Nigeria to Lake Chad" (Heath Cranton, 30s.), gives a most interesting account of the countries which he visited in 1921-22, and of the vast swamp known as Lake Chad. His book is excellently illustrated with good photographs.  
Two points of special importance are brought out by him. The first is that West Africa since the war has ceased to be "the white man's grave" and is endurable by women.  
The old idea that a man can only stay 12 months or die has joined the many legends of the Coast. Yet in its day it was a fact. I remember well the weekly funeral in the good old days, and the three graves in the cemetery, always ready.  
Better food, and European locations have improved matters. Instead of the weekly funeral is now the weekly dance.  
The second point is the rapid desiccation or drying up of this region of Africa. The Sahara is gaining fast on the cultivated land.  
The desiccation has indeed been going on from Roman times, and undoubtedly from yet earlier periods. What is fairly sure is that the acceleration has been recently very great. Two dry years do damage that a dozen wet years cannot restore.  
The amount of water in the Niger has grown "appreciably less" in recent years than it was. Lake Chad is getting smaller; other lakes have vanished.  
Barely two days north of Gaidam there are depressions where salt is now made. Less than 20 years ago they were pleasant lakes and the older inhabitants remember when there were hippopotami in them.  
One of the curious characteristics of the great kingdom of Bornu, in which Mr. Migeod spent much of his time, is that there is no rock there, and even stones are almost unknown rarities.

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## LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

## ARRIVALS.

—Egoya, (P. & O.) from London, Singapore.—Kowloon Wharf.  
—Amherst, (On Fat) from Hoihow, Cao.  
—Australia, (John Manners) from Singapore.—Kowloon Wharf.  
—Sunning, (B. & S.) from Shanghai, Amoy.—Bis.  
—Chihua, (B. & S.) from Bangkok.—Bis.  
—Nanchang, (B. & S.) from Chefoo.—C19.  
—Reims, (Tai Woo) from Hoihow.—C44.

## DEPARTURES.

—Eastern, (E. & A.) for Yokohama, Moji.—August 1.  
—Sunli, (Hank Kee) for Fort Bayard.—August 1.  
—Haihong, (Douglas & Co) for Fochow, Swatow.—August 1.  
—Bendeluch, (Gibb Liv.) for Japan, Shanghai.—August 1.  
—Nagoya, (P. & O.) for Japan, Shanghai.—August 1.  
—Macassar Maru, (Nanyo Y. K.) for Moji.—August 1.  
—Cantara, (Snowman) for Shanghai.—August 1.  
—Kishu Maru, (O. S. K.) for Saigon.—August 1.

## BOMBING IN IRAQ.

## DISTURBANCES NIPPED IN THE BUD.

London, July 3.—Questioned in the House of Commons by Mr. Landsbury with regard to casualties in bombing operations in Iraq, Mr. Leach said that air action, however regrettable, had in many cases checked, at an early stage, disturbances which otherwise would have caused great loss of life. He mentioned that tribes recently killed 145 men and 127 women and children during a single raid into Iraq and that all the male prisoners, including boys, were put to death. This kind of raid had been almost entirely stopped by Air Force action. Bombs had been dropped five times in the past five months, and at least two days' warning had been given in all cases, except one, to enable the inhabitants to withdraw. The objectives selected were encampments, or grazing ground in the territory of the offending tribes, the exceptional case being where tribes attacked native police, one police officer and three men being killed.

## PATIENT—OXEN.

## MR. ASQUITH ON THE CLYDE M.P.S.

Mr. Asquith, at Edinburgh, said a new election could not be very long delayed. The business of the Liberals was to open the eyes of the electorate to the alternatives between which they would have to choose.

It was clear that the Tory Party had not abated a jot of its faith in Protection. The factitious agitation for the retention of the McKenna Duties was really inspired by purely Protectionist ideas. Throughout the debate on the Imperial Preference resolution recently the same spirit was abundantly manifested.

"It is true that we have not yet a working model of what Socialism would be in practice," said Mr. Asquith. "The reason is that though we have a Socialist Government in office we have not a Socialist Government in power. Talk about 'patient oxen'! (Laughter.) 'Who deserve' the epithet better than the ardent spirits from the Clyde, who groan and travel, who clank and fret, and yet, in the morning with interludes of protest and platform mutiny when they have a Sunday off, do their team work with the rest?" (Cheers.)

The prediction he made last December, that they could not try the experiment of a Labour Government under safer conditions, was justified. None the less, we had had some foretaste of what a Socialist regime would mean if it had a Parliamentary majority at its back.

The dangers of a trust or combine were not confined to organisations by capitalists. There were Labour combinations to which, in the interests of the community, just as jealous and vigilant a scrutiny ought to be applied.

## MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The Q.P.S. R.M.S. "Esperanza" arrived at Kobe on July 31 at 6 p.m. left Kobe to-day at 5 a.m. and is due at Shanghai on Aug. 9 at 2 p.m.

## CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Cargo arrived per s.s. "Australia" remains undelivered after August 1 will be subject to rent. Agents, John Manners & Co., Ltd.

The Duke and Duchess of York visited the Richmond Royal Horse Show, where they were received by the Marquis of Cambridge (pro-ident).